

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
ST. JOSEPH DIVISION**

KAREN BACKUES KEIL,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Case No.: 5:18-CV-06074-BP
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MHM SERVICES, INC., *et al.*,)
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Defendants.)

Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Testificandum

Defendant Edward Bearden requests this Court to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Testificandum for Delila Clay and Maya Gasa. In support, Defendant states:

1. Plaintiffs filed this action under 42 U.S.C. §1983, alleging that Defendant Bearden sexually assaulted each of them at Chillicothe Correctional Center.
2. Trial in this matter is set to begin the week of January 31, 2022, and to continue through February 11, 2022.
3. At trial, Defendant Bearden intends to present testimony from Ms. Clay and Ms. Gasa, who both worked in the recreation building at Chillicothe Correctional Center with Ms. Keil.
4. This Court has the authority and discretion to issue a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum where an inmate-witness's testimony is

relevant and necessary to the pending action. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1651(a) and 2241(c)5).

5. Delila Clay, offender number 1008213, is currently confined at Chillicothe Correctional Center.
6. Ms. Clay worked in the recreation building with Ms. Keil, and Ms. Keil has identified Ms. Clay as a witness to a sexually inappropriate incident with Mr. Bearden. Mr. Bearden expects that Ms. Clay will testify that she did not witness anything sexual or physical occur between Mr. Bearden and Ms. Keil when she worked or even lived with Ms. Keil.
7. Ms. Clay's testimony is therefore relevant and necessary to this action.
8. Maya Gasa, offender number 1209715, is currently confined at Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center.
9. Ms. Gasa worked in the recreation building with Ms. Keil. Mr. Bearden expects that Ms. Gasa will testify that Ms. Keil made statements about making PREA allegations when she got out of prison as early as 2012.
10. Ms. Gasa's testimony is therefore relevant and necessary to this action.

For these reasons, Defendant Bearden respectfully requests that the Clerk of Court be directed to issue a certified Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Testificandum commanding the Missouri Department of Corrections, Chillicothe Correctional Center, Warden Chris McBee, to produce Delila Clay offender number 1008213, in the United States District Courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 31, 2022, and continuing for such time as necessary, and that the Clerk of the Court be further directed to issue a certified Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Testificandum, commanding the Missouri Department of Corrections, Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center, Warden Angela Mesmer, to produce Maya Gasa, offender number 1209715, in the United States District Courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 31, 2022, and continuing for such time as necessary..

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on January 4, 2021, I filed the foregoing electronically with the Clerk of Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon all counsel of record.

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